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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post-office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.
I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

FRONT CLOSURE FOR A BRASSIERE

the specification of which was filed on 9 November 1998 as application 09/189,363.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby appoint as attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business connected therewith: Herbert Dubno, Reg. 19,752; Andrew Wilford, Reg. 26,597; Jonathan Myers, Reg. 26,963 and each of them individually.

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Declaration A

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL-ENTITY STATUS
 37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b) – INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 USC 41(a) and (b) to the Patent and Trademark office with regard to the invention entitled:

FRONT CLOSURE FOR A BRASSIERE

described in application 09/189,363 filed 9 November 1998.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention or to any concern which would not qualify as a small-business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern, or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

- ☐ no such person, concern, or organization
☐ persons, concerns, or organizations listed below*

* Separate verified statements are required from each named entity having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27).

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I acknowledge the duty to file in this application notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small-entity status prior to paying or at the time of paying the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28[b]).

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